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SETTING UP OF FOOD PLAZAS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has set up Food Plazas atthe important railway stations in a move to improve the quality of food and for providing hygienic and nutritious fast food to the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof including names of stations;

(c) the names of other stations where such food plazas are likely to be set up; and

(d) the details of the other steps contemplated for providing hygienic and nutritious food to passengers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. So far 13 Food Plazas have come upat (1) Pune (2) Chennai (3) Mumbai Central (4) Delhi (5) Nizamuddin (6) Allahabad (7) Howrah (8) Visakhapatnam (9) Ranchi (10) Kurseong (11) Patna - 2 numbers (12) Tata Nagar stations.

(c): The name of other stations where food plazas are likely to be set up are Nagpur, Agra, Borivali, Churchgate, Jaipur, Amritsar, Jammu, Ludhiana, Kanpur, Bilaspur, Ghum, Rajendra Nagar, Bangalore, Madurai, Trichur, Trichy, Coimbatore, Ernakulam, Ernakulam Town, Trivandrum, Chennai Beach, Chennai Park, Chennai Egmore, Shoranur, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Rajamundry and James Street (Hyderabad).

(d): With a view to upgrade and professionalise catering services on Indian Railways, the Ministry of Railways have set up the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd.(IRCTC)Besides, measures have been taken up by Zonal Railways forsetting up of automatic vending machines for dispensing cold drinks/tea and coffee at stations, introduction of paper cups for dispensing tea and coffee, serving food in three piece casseroles to the passengers, provision of dustbins for disposal of garbage in pantry cars as well as stations and introduction of "Rail Neer" etc. Wherever Rail Neer has not yet reached, packaged drinking water of approved brands having Bureau of Indian Standards certificate are sold.